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- 1. ON APRIL 15 AT APPROXIMATELY 0730 HOURS, POLITICAL OFFICER IGOR BELOUSOVITCH WAS CONFRONTED BY THREE MALE SOVIETS IN DRIVEWAY LEADING TO EMBASSY APARTMENTS AT KUTOZOVSKY 7.
- 2. SOVIET STATED BROTHER WORKED IN NEW YORK CITY AND HAS TWELVE YEAR OLD DAUGHTER. SOVIET SAID THAT IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO HIS NIECE, HE WOULD NOT TAKE IT LYING DOWN. ENCOUNTER INVOLVED NO PHYSICAL CONTACT.
- 3. AT TIME OF CONFRONTATION BELOUSOVITCH WAS WAITING FOR ARRIVAL OF UPI CORRESPONDENT WITH WHOM HE PLANNED TO COVER LOCAL TRIAL. UPON ARRIVAL, CORRESPONDENT NOTED CONFRONTATION AND PHOTOGRAPHED SCENE. BELOUSOVITCH THEN ENTERED CORRESPONDENT'S CAR WHICH WAS UNDER CLOSE VEHICULAR SURVEILLANCE ON WAY TO EMBASSY.

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4. THIS IS FIRST INCIDENT OF HARASSMENT INVOLVING PERSONAL CON-

FRONTATION SINCE APRIL 7 INCIDENT INVOLVING CONSULAR OFFICER NATHANSON.

5. DURING EVENING OF APRIL 14 FOUR EMBASSY OFFICERS RECEIVED HARASSING PHONE CALLS. THREE CALLERS DID NOT DIRECTLY THREATEN, BUT FOURTH CALL THREATENED RETALIATION IF LEVEL HARASSMENT OF SOVIETS IN NEW YORK CITY INCREASED. STOESSEL

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